

Tuesday, January 1, 1861

A very pleasant day after the cold and windy days we have had. He was in town and bought this diary.

Wednesday 2

At home all day fixing the sheep pen. Mother was in town and had Susie's likeness taken. Pleasant but not thawing. Looks for snow.

Thursday 3

Starts to school. Gets a new Latin dictionary and a Stodards higher algebra. Snowing in the afternoon and evening. Started the debating society.

Friday 4

Goes to school. Have 66 scholars. Studying Greek, higher algebra, Latin, prose, composition. Translate Caesar and Virgil. Cold.

Saturday 5

No school. At home all day. Chopping wood, hunting rabbits, thawing a little on the roofs. Evening studying Latin.

Sunday 6

At home all day. John and Anne were here. Thawing all day and in evening. Abe is sick but is getting better. Has not spoiled the sleighing yet. Pleasant.

Monday 7

Goes to school. Rode in in the sleigh with Pa and Bowman. The road is icy. Pa went to Freeport with John Bowman. Getting colder. Evening studying.

Tuesday 8

Goes to school as usual. Translating in Virgil about the cyclops eating men. Not very cold. Pa came home from Freeport.

Wednesday 9

Not very cold. Goes to school. Evening goes to spelling school at this and the red school house. Cloudy in the evening and getting colder.

Thursday 10

Pretty cold. Goes to school early. Have quite an interesting time with the new Algebra. Rode home with Pa.

Friday 11

Goes to school to late. Not very cold. Fanny had a calf last night. Translating Virgil. It is quite interesting.

Saturday 12

Snowing a little in the morning. At home all day making some gaman sticks and pulling some hazle nuts. Studying in the evening.

Sunday, January 13, 1861

At home all day. Wrote a composition. Pa and Bowman were over to Uncle Georges. Not cold. Have to study pretty hard now.

Monday 14

Goes to school. It snowed a little in the morning. Thawed a little. Spoiled the sleighing some. Johnathan goes to Savannah.

Tuesday 15

Goes to school. Snowing pretty fast in the morning. Busy studying all day. Stary had a calf. Evening snow, and blowing very hard.

Wednesday 16

Goes to school. The roads are very slushy. Have four studies, Greek, Latin Virgil and Latin prose composition and

Thursday 17

higher algebra. Goes to school as usual. Sung last evening and this evening. Writing a composition for tomorrow.

Friday 18

Goes to school. Snowing last night and this morning. Blowing and drifting very much. Rode home in the sleigh with Pa. Colder.

Saturday 19

At home all day. Churned and cut the creek open for the cattle to drink. Some men here to buy the hogs. The roads are drifted

Sunday 20

very much. Some places it is impossible to get through. Was in to the Senate last evening. At home.

Monday 21

Was up early and made the fire under the kettle for butchering, working hard all day. They killed 28 hogs and were done before 4 o'clock. Not at school.

Tuesday 22

They started to Polo with the hogs early in the morning. Goes to school. A pleasant day, but not warm.

Wednesday 23

Goes to school. Colder than yesterday. Pa came back from Polo. Sold the hogs for \$6.00 for all over 200 lbs. 5.90.

Thursday 24

Was at spelling school last night. It was snowing. Today blowing and drifting very much. No teams on the road. Hard getting along.

Friday 25

Goes to school. In the evening goes into town with Jake Shirk to the licem. Did not speak on the question.

Saturday, January 26, 1861

No school. Making a partition in the cow stable. Studying my Greek. Evening rode in to the Senate. The Senator from Kentucky.

Sunday 27

At home all day. John Bowman was here and Uncle Billy Halderman. Mrs. Emmert and John Emmert and Elly. A moon light night.

Monday 28

Goes to school. Not very cold. In the evening goes a sleighriding. A very pleasant and moonlight night. Went to Garners.

Tuesday 29

Goes to school. Got home early this morning. Getting colder and blowing some from the Northeast.

Wednesday 30

Goes to school. Very cold. Coldest day this winter. Hurley lane is nearly full of snow. Some places teams cannot pass between the snow banks.

Thursday 31

Goes to school. Very cold. 16 degrees below zero. This month has passed away very quickly to me. We have had a great deal of snow.

Friday, February 1, 1861

Snowing very fast nearly all forenoon from the East. The snow is so deep that he does not go to school. Feeding the cattle.

Saturday 2

and shoveling snow. The road from the creek to the school house is so full of snow that people can not go through it, but come through our field past the stable.

Sunday 3

At home all day. Was duncard meeting at the school house. People from blackoak all go past here. Cold.

Monday 4

Walked in to town. The roads are pretty well beaten again. A little warmer. Rode home in a sled.

Tuesday 5

Goes to school. Cold wind from southwest. Evening getting warmer. Goes to the debate in the evening. Won the question.

Wednesday 6

Goes to school. Handed in my composition. Snowing and thawing a little. Stayed after school to sing.

Thursday 7

Goes to school. Blowing very much and very cold. The roads are all drifted shut again. Walk on top of the snowbanks.

Friday, February 8, 1861

Goes to school. Solved some hard problems in Algebra in quadratics. Weather has got a little milder, but it is still cold.

Saturday 9

Thawing all day. Took some cattle over to the other place. The creek is raising a little. Sprinkled a little.

Sunday 10

Rained all last night in showers and raining part of the time today. The water is running pretty strong in the evening.

Monday 11

Goes to school. Getting colder. Wind from S. W. Snowing a little. Roads are very icy. The fields are quite bare except where there is snowbanks.

Tuesday 12

Goes to school. Thawing some. The roads are getting better the more they are traveled. Most all the creeks are beginning

Wednesday 13

to raise. The mail did not come on account of the high waters. Goes to school. Snowing a little. Evening very windy.

Thursday 14

Blew very hard all last night and snowed. A hard night for cattle to be out. Snowing and blowing nearly all day. Did not go to school.

Friday 15

Goes to school. Snow very deep and drifted the road clear shut in Hurley's lane. Spoke in the afternoon. Rode home in sleigh. Came through the field by Stuarts. At home

Saturday 16

At home all day. Solved a lot of questions in Algebra. Snowing a little. Getting colder.

Sunday 17

At home all day in the forenoon. Took Aunt Mary into town around by Uncle Georges. Abe and Anne Bowman were here.

Monday 18

Goes to school. Pa goes to Freeport and Abe Bowman. Pleasant but blowing and drifting a little. Hard walking.

Tuesday 19

Goes to school.

Sunday, February 24, 1861

At home all day. Skating on Jonson creek. Pretty good ice. Evening creek is very high and running over the banks.

Monday 25

Goes to school. The snow is nearly all gone. Thawing. Walked home. Ground is very wet. Have a green dutch girl.

Tuesday 26

Goes to school. Thawing fast. Goes to the debate in evening. Question: Resolved that it is more profitable to raise corn than wheat. Decided in favor of the corn.

Wednesday 27

Goes to school. Did not freeze much last night. Thawing all day. The sleighing is nearly all gone. Will probably rain soon.

Thursday 28

Goes to school. Still thawing. Snow is all gone except where there was large snow banks. Walked home across the fields.

Friday, March 1, 1861

It is getting very muddy. Sleighing is all gone. Sprinkling a little while he was going to school. Playing ball at noon. Did not recite the lessons with afternoon.

Saturday, 2

Still thawing. Very cloudy and looks for rain. Fixing things about home, oiling a sowing machine that Pa bought at a sale.

Sunday 3

Rained last evening. A little colder. Amos and he went over to Uncle Georges. The creek was big on other side to horses belly.

Monday 4

Quite cold again. Ground is frozen very hard. Goes to school. Windy from northwest. Did not thaw.

Tuesday 5

Goes to school. Still cold. Playing ball at noon. Goes to debate in the evening. Had quite a dispute about wealth.

Wednesday 6

Goes to school. Quite pleasant. Had a good game of town ball at noon. The roads are getting nice and dry. Not so cold.

Thursday 7

Goes to school. Cloudy here. Read Lincoln's inaugural address in the evening. There is court in town now. Very dark night.

Friday, March 8, 1861

Snowed a little last night. Thawing all day. Goes to school. To Shirk's in the evening. Freezing and snowing.

Saturday 9

Snowed last night. Made a good ball playing ball a little. One of the sheep had a lamb. Cold and windy.

Sunday 10

Pleasant part of the day. At home all day. Reading and playing ball. Pa and Abe were over to Uncle Georges.

Monday 11

Goes to school. Roads are rough. Windy. The ground is drying some. In the evening goes into town to lecture.

Tuesday 12

Goes to school. Thawing considerable. Evening goes to debate. Won the question. Had quite an interesting time. There is about 14 persons attending.

Wednesday 13

Frozen hard. Did not thaw any today. Goes in to the lecture at the Seminary. A very good lecture what was of it. The scholars asked him a good many questions.

Thursday 14

Goes to school. A little pleasanter than it was yesterday. Reviewing in Greek. in miscellaneous examples of 2 unknown quantities.

Friday 15

Goes to school. No school in the afternoon. Goes to the Union school examinations. Heard the algebra and some other classes. Pleasant.

Saturday 16

Cold and windy. Cleaning out the corn crib. Hunting. Shot 2 larks and a dove. Stuffed one of the larks. Fixing the grain sower.

Sunday 17

Very cold and windy all day. Goes out on the prairie for Bridget did not get her. The roads tolerable good.

Monday 18

Still cold. Froze very hard last night. Goes to school Did not thaw much today. Solved some hard questions in higher algebra.

Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20

Thawing. Goes to school. Goes to debate in the evening. Question: Resolved that man leads a happier life single than married. He was on the negative. Lost the question. Adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in December next. Goes to school.

Thursday 21

A pleasant day. The ground dried off considerable. Goes to school. Commenced reviewing our algebra.

Friday 22

Very windy. They sowed a little wheat notwithstanding the wind. The machine worked very well. Goes to school.

Saturday 23

Very windy from the S. W. Snowing a little shutting the cattle and hogs out of the field. Very disagreeable.

Sunday 24

A pleasant day. A. and L. took a walk. Plays ball. John Bowman staying all night. Rained a little.

Monday 25

A find day for sowing wheat. Goes to school. After school helping to sow wheat with the machine. Evening raining and lightning much.

Tuesday 26

Rained nearly all night and most of the day. Goes to school. Evening snowing quite fast. Getting colder.

Wednesday 27

Goes to school through the snow. It is blowing and drifting some. Thawing. Got excused at 3 o'clock. Most of the snow is thawed.

Thursday 28

Goes to school. Thawing. The wind is from the southeast. Warmer. Stays to sing after school. Getting along very well.

Friday 29

Raining nearly all day. Goes to school. Afternoon spoke dialogue with Shirk and read my composition. Evening colder.

Saturday 30

Ground is pretty wet but a pleasant day. Sowed wheat in piece above the little house. Hunting. Shot two birds.

Sunday 31

Pleasant but a little windy. Prats were here all last night. Harry is here. Evening raining a little. Getting colder.

Monday, April 1, 1861

About 2 inches of snow on the ground. McClour got the team to move. Johnathan moved. Snow all gone. Goes to school.

Friday 5

Raining nearly all day. Goes to school. Heard Mr. Shimer's classes in the forenoon.

Saturday, April 6, 1861

Raining nearly all week. Raining all week. Greasing the harness and knitting at the fish net. The ground is very wet.

Sunday 7

At home all day. Sprinkling in the afternoon.

Monday 8

Goes to school. One week to examination. A little pleasanter. They sowed wheat on the south side of the hill west of the hedge.

Tuesday 9

Goes to school. Generally get there before school time and study. Stayed to sing. Is in B vocal class. Getting colder.

Wednesday 10

Not very warm and still cloudy. Goes to school. The grass is beginning to look green. The hazel bushes are in blossom.

Tuesday 16

The 2d day of examination and was examined in Latin P C and Greek. Spoke a piece and dialogue in the evening. Did very well

Wednesday 17

Goes to examination. In the afternoon examined in Virgil and higher algebra. Very windy and a little colder.

Thursday 18

Shovel plowing all day. Very windy and disagreeable.

Friday 19

Forenoon sowing wheat with machine on the oats piece. Emmerts corn on the oats. Afternoon shovel plowing wheat.

Saturday 20

Shovel plowing in wheat all day with Felix. Finished the oats piece.

Sunday 21

A pleasant day at home.

Monday 22

Sowing oats in the forenoon in the corn field east of the hedge. Afternoon shovel plowing.

Tuesday 23

Goes to town for lime. Got 15 bu. the first load this year. Afternoon raining. Goes a fishing.

Wednesday 24

Hauled a load of water. Harrowing the wheat and finished. Hauling poles for scaffold.

Thursday, April 25, 1861

Sowing clover and timothy with the machine. A very calm day. To town for seed. Harrowing corn stalks.

Friday 26

Flowing at home for oats. Hauled a load of rails and water. Harrowing corn stalks in the afternoon.

Saturday 27

Was to town. Had the horses shod. Helping Shirk fix the roller. Afternoon rolling the oats.

Sunday 28

A pleasant day. Took a walk down the creek. Everything is beginning to look green.

Monday 29

Tried to sow clover seed but it got too windy. Hauling poles. Got 12 bu. of lime at Avington.

Tuesday 30

Burning corn stalks. Samuel got 600 brick. Afternoon stuffed a lark. A very windy and disagreeable day.

Wednesday, May 1, 1861

Planting corn. Evening getting colder.

Thursday 2

Samuel and I got 20 bu. of lime of Widman. Hauling poles for scaffolding.

Friday 3

Making fence at the other place. Took the cattle back.

Saturday 4

Burning corn stalks and a piece of prairie. Very windy. Saw lots of pigeons on the ground and on trees.

Sunday 5

At home. Raining and blowing.

Monday 6

Spreading manure. Hunting. Took the wrapping off the apple trees. Afternoon stuffing birds.

Tuesday 7

Scareing out for corn. Very windy.

Wednesday 8

Flowing in the forenoon. Afternoon planting potatoes and covering them with straw.

Thursday 9

Scoreing out for corn. Warm and pleasant.

Friday, May 10, 1861

Scoring out to plant corn. Scoring with the bob sled.

Saturday 11

Planting with the corn planter. A pleasant day.

Sunday 12

At home. Raining a little.

Monday 13

Rained some last night. Planting corn with the corn planter. Finished planting.

Tuesday 14

Fixing the fence round the field. Covering corn. Planting some watermellons and mushmellons.

Wednesday 15

Plowing all day. Very windy and cold. Finished plowing at the other place.

Thursday 16

Helping haul rock in the forenoon. Afternoon planting corn with planter. A pleasant day.

Friday 17

Planting corn with planter at the other place. A pleasant day.

Saturday 18

Planting corn all day. It rained a little.

Sunday 19

At home. Very warm in the forenoon. Afternoon raining.

Monday 20

Raining nearly all day. Shelling corn and cleaning up wheat.

Tuesday 21

Planting hop poles. Afternoon finished planting corn.

Wednesday 22

Plowing corn. Planting pumpkin seeds.

Thursday 23

Hauling rock and planting sorgum. Evening went round by town to get one of the horses shod.

Friday 24

Goes to Freeport with a load of wheat. Sold it for 65¢ a bushel for gold. Saw the soldiers in camp on the fair grounds.

Saturday, May 25, 1861

Unloading a car full of boards and shingles. Took a load along home.

Sunday 26

A pleasant day, but a little windy. Was to meeting at the school house.

Monday 27

Triming trees. Afternoon hauling sand. The corn is coming up slowly.

Tuesday 28

God a load of lime at Widman's. Hauling logs to make a fence across the creek.

Wednesday 29

Shovel plowing corn and replanting.

Thursday 30

Goes up to Paul Myres for some scaffold poles. Got 4. Hauling spals to fill up the new road.

Friday 31

Goes for a load of lime. Got 20 bu. of Livingston's. Afternoon raining. Cleaning up wheat.

Saturday, June 1, 1861

Replanting corn in forenoon. Afternoon harrowing corn. Looks for rain. Very warm.

Sunday 2

It rained hard last night.

Monday 3

Harrowing corn after the replanters. About one third of it has to be planted on account of the bad

Tuesday 4

Harrowing corn at the other place. Afternoon it rained very herd. Got wet through and through.

Wednesday 5

Ground is very wet. Replanting watermellons. They do not come up. Afternoon replanting corn at other place.

Thursday 6

Replanting corn at the other place. Nearly through. Putting lime on the pumpkin stalks.

Friday 7

Shovel plowing corn. Pa got a new shovel plow with sheet iron thing to keep the dirt off the corn. It works well.

Saturday, June 8, 1861

Shovel plowing corn. The weeds are beginning to grow fast.

Sunday 9

At home Aunt Mary is here. A little cousin over at Uncle Georges.

Monday 10

Shovel plowing corn. The corn on this place is very nice. Strawberries are getting ripe.

Tuesday 11

Harrowing corn all day.

Wednesday 12

Harrowing corn all day. The corn is very small and the weeds thick.

Thursday 13

Finished harrowing the corn. Got 26 bu. of fresh lime at Livingstons. Hauled a load of water.

Friday 14

Shovel plowing corn all day. The replanting is very small and the grass large and plenty of it.

Saturday 15

Shovel plowing corn in the forenoon. Very windy and dusty. Afternoon in swimming. Very windy.

Sunday 16

At home all day.

Monday 17

Plowing corn. Very fine weather for killing the weeds.

Tuesday 18

Plowing corn.

Wednesday 19

Rained nearly all day. Cleaning out the entries in the barn.

Thursday 20

Plowing corn. Plenty wet.

Friday 21

Plowing corn. Commenced crossing it. The hills are not all in the row.

Saturday 22

Plowing corn all day. In swimming in the evening.

Sunday 23

Over in the grove. Got some wild strawberries.

Monday, June 24, 1861

Mowing corn. Afternoon got the machine out of the barn and mowing in orchard.

Tuesday 25

Mowing in the orchard with the machine.

Wednesday 26

Mowing thistles down on the bottom near the creek.

Thursday 27

Mowing clover along the wheat. Afternoon hauled in five large loads of hay out of the orchard.

Friday 28

Mowing thistles and clover in the field next the road, on the new place.

Saturday 29

Mowing in the clover and timothy field nearest Hurley's. Afternoon in town with mother.

Sunday 30

At home all day.

Monday, July 1, 1861

Mowing and hauling in hay.

Tuesday 2

Was over to Shirks. Saw Amos married. Hauling in hay. Mowing.

Wednesday 3

Finished mowing at the new place. Brought the machine home. Hauling in hay.

Thursday 4

Goes to town to celebrate this great day. Had a good dinner in the new court house.

Friday 5

Rained last night and this forenoon. Afternoon mowing the orchard and timothy at home.

Saturday 6

Mowing in the forenoon. Afternoon to the wedding party at Shirks.

Monday 8

Making hay all week

Friday 12

Pa went to Chicago. Finished mowing in the field by the school house.

Saturday, July 13, 1861

Hauling in hay. The hogs got in the wheat and spoiled a great deal.

Sunday 14

At home.

Tuesday 16

Pa came home.

Thursday 18

Cut the hay in the meadow by the creek.

Friday 19

Hauling in the hay. Made 2 stacks about 10 ton.

Saturday 20

At a party at Uncle Georges.

Sunday 21

At meeting at the school house. At home the rest of the day.

Saturday 27

Have been harvesting all week. Raining a little this afternoon.

Monday 29

Finished the wheat and cutting the oats. I am getting a very sore bite on my face.

Tuesday 30

Finished the oats and hauling in wheat. The warmest day have had since commenced harvesting.

Wednesday 31

Tried to haul in wheat but felt too sick. Bile broke open was looking at it and fainted.

Thursday, August 31, 1861

In the house polticing my bile. They are stacking the wheat.

Friday 2

Helping to haul in the wheat in the field west of the hedge.

Saturday 3

Fixing the pigs and pens. Raining in the forenoon.

Sunday 4

Over at the new place with Jenny T.

Monday 5

Hauling in wheat and oats.

Tuesday 6

Hauling in wheat.

Wednesday 7

Hauling in wheat at the other place in the forenoon. Hauling in oats. Rained in the evening.

Thursday 8

It rained last night. Hunting shot two prairie chickens.

Friday 9

Cloudy in the morning. Hauling in wheat in the afternoon. Hauled one load of lime. 10 bu.

Saturday, August 10, 1861

Finished hauling in the wheat in the forenoon. P. M. hauling sand.

Sunday 11

At home. Very cold and raining a little. Very much like fall. Some of the apples are getting ripe. Fine weather for corn.

Tuesday 13

Rained. Too wet to work in hay.

Wednesday 14

Mowing and hauling hay.

Thursday 15

Mowing and hauling hay. Finished the 1st stack.

Friday 16

Hauled 4 loads of sand and one of water. P. M. Hauling in hay. Made one stack. Evening got 15 bu. lime. 3 masons at work.

Saturday 17

Mowing in the forenoon. Hauling rails to fence the stacks. Made another stack of hay.

Sunday 18

At home all day. A pleasant day. Aunt Ann was there a few moments.

Monday 19

Cutting grass up the creek. P. M. Hauling in the hay.. Have four stacks and that we will make here.

Tuesday 20

In town to get horse shod. Intend to start to school tomorrow. A warm day.

Wednesday 21

Going to school. Not many old scholars back.

Thursday 22

At school. Rained very heavy at noon.

Friday 23

At school in the forenoon. P. M. took mother in to Aunt Mary's.

Saturday 24

Over at the house. They finished the wall today. Had some beer.

Sunday 25

At home. Cloudy.

Monday 26

Goes to school. Studying Latin, Greek and algebra. Translating natural history in the Greek reader. Get along very well.

Tuesday 27

Goes to school. Translating Virgil. Aeners book third. It is quite interesting but pretty hard.

Wednesday, August 28, 1861

Going to school. Commenced quadratic equations in Stodard's Higher algebra. Solved some pretty hard examples.

Thursday 29

Going to school. Have about 90 scholars. They are most all new and consequently strangers to me.

Friday 30

Going to school. Very pleasant weather. The plums are getting ripe. We have several trees in the yard that are very full.

Saturday 31

At home all day. Fixing the fence at the gate by the road. Hung not 2 but 2 gates. Picking some apples for pies.

Sunday, September 1, 1861

At home. Commenced raining about dinner time and raining nearly all day. Raining in the evening.

Monday 2

Goes to town to help Pa in the bank. Amos is going to the war. Making out the monthly statement of the bank.

Tuesday 3

In the bank. Balancing in the ledger. Not very much business, or much money. Everything is reduced to a gold basis.

Wednesday 4

In the bank. Amos is busy getting at his company.

Thursday 5

In bank. The soldiers started today for Polo from there to Springfield. Rehearsing atableau at the court house.

Friday 6

In the bank. Not much doing. Evening at the festival for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. Figuer in thru tableaux.

Saturday 7

A little more business than common. Settling the old certificates payable in Illinois and currency at par.

Sunday 8

At home. Jenny Tomkins is here. A pleasant day but cloudy.

Monday 9

In the bank. Not much business. Sold a little exchange for gold. Very little currency in circulation.

Tuesday 10

It rained nearly all last night. Raining this morning.

Wednesday 11

Goes to town. Sold some exchange on N. Y. for gold at $\frac{1}{2}\%$. Not quite so rainy, is clearing off.

Thursday 12

Goes to town. First heard that Christian was robbed of all his jewelry by the robber breaking in and unlocking the safe.

Friday, September 13, 1861

A pleasant morning. Goes to town, not much business.

Saturday 14

Raining in the morning. Considerable business today.
Evening raining.

November 18, 1861

What is the cause of the present low prices? The high prices in freights? Why high freights? A surplus of grain in the country. Why a surplus? Because there are not consumers enough in the country for the amount of grain. Where are they, I say. Gone to war. These 500,000 men who formerly consumed their food at home, now have to have it transferred to them. It is with the farmers who must pay for taking this grain to them, the farmers of course. Hence is this 500 thousand were at home the farmers would get for their produce just as much more as it now costs them to send it to them. Hence I think that when this war is ended, corn will be worth nearly five or six or eight times as much as it is now.

Calculating this, it is worth 15 cents there and eight times as much in N. Y. thus here 8×15 equal \$1.20 price in New York. If it was nearly all consumed here, we would get the prices that it now brings in N. Y. November 18, 1861

Thursday September 26, 1861

Last day.

Friday 27

Mowing clover for seed at the other place.

Tuesday, October 1, 1861

Finished the first volume of history of England. Commenced the second. In the bank not much outside business. Rainy.

Wednesday 2

Posting and squaring the accounts in the ledger for the month. Got a pair of boots of Shaffer for \$4.50. Pleasant day.

Thursday 3

Made a ledger balance sheet. It has been raining nearly all day. People say they never saw the like before. Put up the stove in the office.

Friday 4

Not very much business. A great many are going out to see the new town Lanark. The cars are running.

Saturday 5

After some cornmeal to Chifman's Mills. Could not find any nuts. A pleasant day compared with

Sunday 6

the past two or three weeks of rain. A fine day. A great deal of wheat has been spoiled by the past rains. Uncle Georges are here.

Monday, October 7, 1861

Mowing and cutting the clover in the orchard at home. A pleasant day.

Tuesday 8

Cutting the clover seed by the creek and mowing some of the clover that was sowed in the spring.

Wednesday 9

In town. Not much doing now.

Thursday 10

In the bank. Very little doing. It rained all day. Cold and wet.

Friday 11

A little pleasanter. Pa started for Chicago. By myself in the bank. Very little business.

Saturday 12

In the office. A little more business than usual. A pleasant day.

Sunday 13

At home. Took a walk down the creek. The leaves are beginning to fall. A pleasant day.

Monday 14

Goes to town in the wagon. Considerable business today. Journalizing. A little warmer than usual. Mr. Gross had wagon.

Tuesday 15

In town posting the books. Considerable business. A warm day. Sold a draft on common lint, Mr. Gross \$60. note.

Wednesday 16

Pa came home. Mr. Officer came with him. Not much business.

Thursday 17

In town, not much business.

Friday 18

In the bank. Uncle Simon & Aunt Regina & Miss Berry came from K. I. A pleasant day.

Saturday 19

Started for some cattle up to Camp Creek. Got them home after riding nearly all day.

Sunday 20

In at the dedication of the church of God. A pleasant day.

Monday 21

Hunting for the cattle. They got out of the pasture. A pleasant day. Took a ride in the eveing with A. B. and A. Berry.

Tuesday, October 22, 1861

Stayed last night at Uncle Georges. Raining a little. Hunting the cattle, found them.

Wednesday 23

Hunting in the forenoon. Could not find anything. In the bank in P. M. Evening at a party at Aunt Mary's.

Thursday 24

Took Mr. Officer into town, in the A. M. P. M. took a ride with Anne Berry and 4 others. Windy and cold.

Friday 25

In the bank in the morning. P. M. over at the farm. Shot a prairie chicken and skinned it.

Saturday 26

Goes to the mill with 8 bu. of wheat. P. M. stuffing the prairie chicken. Hunting. A pleasant day.

Sunday 27

At home. Eating nuts and apple dumplings. A pleasant day.

Monday 28

In the bank journalizing. Busy all day. Windy and dusty. School teacher here. Not much business.

Tuesday 29

Very windy and dusty. Raining and blowing before noon. Raining all day. Cold and windy, the worst storm this fall.

Wednesday 30

A little pleasanter. Posting the books. Busy all day.

Thursday 31

A pleasant day. Posting and journalizing. Jamie thought he had killed a man. Not very much business.

Friday, November 1, 1861

Posting and balancing the ledger. More business than common. A great fleet sailed for the south.

Saturday 2

In the bank. Balance the ledger. Not much business. A little colder than common.

Sunday 3

At home all day. Took a walk down to the creek. A pleasant day.

Monday 4

In the bank. Considerable business. Sold a good deal of exchange on Chicago.

Tuesday 5

In the bank in the forenoon. Helped drive 4 head of cattle from Mr. Long's home. Had some trouble.

Wednesday, November 6, 1861

In the bank. Not very much business.

Thursday 7

In the bank. Threshing today at home. Washed the windows and blackened the stove.

Friday 8

In the bank. No business at all. A fine day. They finished threshing the wheat at home. 388 bu. Some good wheat.

Saturday 9

A frosty morning. A fine day. Some business in the bank.

Sunday 10

At home. A windy day. Sam Cross is here.

Monday 11

In the bank. Sold several drafts. Felix 59 lbs. flour Water 62 lbs. flour. A pleasant day.

Tuesday 12

In the bank. Considerable business. A pleasant day. M. L. had a party here in the evening.

Wednesday 13

In the bank. Not much business. Sold one draft. Pa came home from Freeport.

Thursday 14

In the bank. Not very much business. A cloudy day.

Friday 15

In the bank. Considerable business today. Cloudy and cold. Pa appoint for bank of Illinois.

Saturday 16

In bank. Not very much business. Cold but pleasant. Cold in the evening.

Sunday 17

At home all day. It is cloudy all day. Over at Uncle Georges in the eveing for the buggy.

Monday 18

Started for Lanark about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 o'clock with Uncle Georges. Cold. and windy. East wind in the morning.

Tuesday 19

It rained all day. No business. Busy all day journalizing and posting the books.

Wednesday 20

In town. Business as usual. Studying the science of bookkeeping.

Thursday 21

Walked in to town. Pretty cold. Will soon have snow.

Friday, November 23, 1861

Came in in the wagon. Walked home. Business as usual. Cloudy evening.

Saturday 23

Commenced snowing last evening. Snowing all day. Very stormy and ugly. bunch bank did not know names.

Sunday 24

At home. Sam has left. Have to do the feeding. Not very cold, it is thawing some.

Monday 25

In bank. Some business. A little warmer. The snow is thawing. Sold several drafts American Exchange Bank.

Tuesday 26

In bank. Not very much business. Warm and sprinkling but turned to snow. Cold and freezing night.

Sunday, December 1, 1861

At home. Hunting up the railroad stakes along the creek. Pretty cold.

Monday 2

Rode in in the sleigh. Very cold. Balanced the ledger and making a report or statement. Not quite so cold in evening.

Wednesday 4

Thawing. The roads are getting muddy.

Friday 6

There has been a very great change in the weather for the past few days. For a day or

Saturday 7

so it was very cold and good sleighing. Today is quite pleasant. Have the door open and no fire in the office.

Sunday 8

A pleasant foggy day. The roads are knee deep in mud; the frost is all out of the ground. Just like spring weather.

Sunday 15

Very warm and pleasant. Took a walk down the creek. Thawing some. Just two weeks ago it was very cold with snow on the ground. Snow is all gone now.

Thursday 19

Business dull. We have had very pleasant and warm weather until today. It is raining.

Friday 20

Very cold going toward the wind. It is from the N. E. P. M. at the seminary. Evening at the jubilee till 3 o'clock in the morning.

Saturday, December 21, 1861

Still cold. The roads were very rough but are getting smoother. Not very much business today.

Sunday 22

At home. Got a very bad cold. Snowing all day from the East or N. E.

Monday 23

In town in the sleigh. Snow is pretty deep. Not very much business.

Tuesday 24

In town. Considerable business. Quite a demand for N.Y. exchange. Got home late.

Wednesday 25

A fine day. Out to Lanark with a party of young folks, had an oyster supper there. Very windy in evening.

Thursday 26

Considerable business today. Rained just before daylight. Before ten it was frozen up very hard and cold, snowing a little.

Friday 27

Plenty of business today. They have not decided about the railroad yet.

Saturday 28

A pleasant day. In the sun thawing a little. Not so much business as yesterday.

Sunday 29

A pleasant day at home.

Monday 30

Not much business. Posting up the books for this month. A pleasant day, thawing a little.

Tuesday 31

A pleasant day. Weather mild and thawing a little. This winter so far has been very mild and open. Have had very little good sleighing but just enough to get around.